

SPEAKER WITHEM: About two and a half minutes, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Thank you very much, Senator Pedersen. Two things real quickly. Senator Witek, I've got to put my name on the list of "Witekisms", I guess. Supported LB 757, which I just related to in my opening that pointed out we hired 19 more people, 19, this bill calls for one and a half. I never heard her stand up and say one thing about the bureaucracy and the spending and all of that when that bill was being discussed. But that's all right. That's commonplace at this point in time during this Legislature, unfortunately. Also, I make a commitment that I don't intend to mess with this bill. I've got about two and a half years left on my term, I don't intend to expand it or include everybody else. It's important that it does exist for those people that do live in those communities affected by it, as very ably pointed out by Senator Janssen. One last thing I want to tell you. The day that this bill was heard on Final Reading, and this is the most important reason I appreciate the reconsideration, and I have never brought this kind of personal stuff here, but I'm going to tell you, my oldest daughter Debbie's father-in-law died, Bud LeMay, great guy. I explained to her husband, John, that I had this bill on Final Reading and the votes were close and I really had to be here. I never even said that when we talked about this on Final Reading and never told anybody here. But us Irish and Danes do have an obligation to go to wakes and I did go in the night before to Bud's wake and rosary. That was the same night as the building...the Home Builders had their banquet. Somebody mentioned that I was gutless, I didn't show up. I want to tell you, I'm not afraid of any bloody sucker around here.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: I'll show up anywhere, any time, any place. And I resent the fact that somebody maybe thought I was spineless and didn't show up at the Home Builders dinner because I had the bill coming up next day and I didn't want to be subject to or worry about questions I might be asked. And I resent that. So I'm back here today because I couldn't be here. I couldn't be at the Home Builders and question them and their integrity about why they oppose this bill. It deserves consideration. It's good legislation. And if you can, I would appreciate it very much if we could reconsider it and then, hopefully, get 25 votes to pass it. Thank you.